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Club Maroon Makes Bow this Month

Spring Football Begins At M. B. A.

Spring practice was greeted by a tremendous turnout the first two days, Wednesday, March 12, equipment was distributed, and on Monday the boys got down to work. Coach gave the boys a talk straight from the shoulder, in which he said that the boys might as well quit if they don't want to get out there and knock. He told the boys that the only time a fellow is hurt on the football field is when he is loafing. Then the group was broken into two sections. One section, the backs and ends, was placed under Jack Sparks. Don Wade held down the center duties while his brother, Bill, tossed passes. The very chilly weather made it hard on the pass receivers as well as the passer. Coach took charge of the line group personally. First he put them through exercises on stances. After this he let the boys smack a dummy. Then came the real contact work as groups of three each lugged it out in blocking practice with two on one. After this, the boys ran four laps apiece to end a rugged practice, a taste of what would come.

Practice will be carried on for three weeks. By the end of this period, Coach will probably have a good idea of what will be the starting team next year. The team should have one of the best backfields in the state, headed by three star returners of last year's team. Bill Wade, George Engle and Billy Joe Ehrhart. Dead-eye Wade holds the banner "most valuable player" trophy, while Billy Joe set a new scoring mark last year in the city, being one of the highest scorers in the South. The line will only have Captain Bob Ezell returning. Though Ezell is out at present with a pulled muscle, he will be an important factor in the club next year. The other six linemen graduate, which leaves that number of vacancies open for keen competition.

Those boys who are fighting for line positions are:

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Literary Society Activities

The freshman literary society has gotten together what seems to be a very interesting program. They are going to have a discussion about parts of interesting books which they are now reading. Macey, Gates, Hackman, King and Knox are going to present their research at the literary society on March 27.

In the junior class they are going to have a round table discussion concerning the problem "Does education in general meet the present day needs of the American youth?" In the discussion there will be an average display of junior intelligence. Among the best examples are Gates, John Rodgers and Wemack. Other contestants will be Haselton, McMurray, Sweeney and Al Williams. It will be very interesting to see how many questions each of these answer.

Another idea, thought of by Wemack, is the short story. This was over very well once before, when we heard such stories as "The Rise of Fochism." Presenting their short stories will be Jake Wallace and Billy Vaughn.

The Sophomores are going to have a round table discussion concerning an un-chosen question.

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The Roving Reporter

A survey of opinion has recently been taken here at M. B. A. to determine what the students think of the Honor System. Students of all types were asked to express their opinions. From these responses a good idea of how the majority of the students feel about the Honor System was obtained.

Over ninety per cent of those questioned felt that the Honor System is beneficial to the school, but that it could bear improvement. There is no doubt that the Honor System has proved itself to be a helpful feature of M. B. A. school life. The fact remains, however, that there is still room for improvement.

To show more graphically how the trend of opinion ran, we shall give you several of the statements. Russell Campbell: "It has made an improvement, but it has not been cleared up completely. It never will."

Billy Knox: "Most of the boys who would cheat in the school would cheat whether there was an Honor System or not."

Wilbur Creighton: "It has made a definite improvement. In comparison with last year, I think it has been upheld favorably. If the students would report all violations it could be made much better. Walker Noel: "I think the Honor System is very good. It certainly stops some of the cheating, but some boys will cheat with or without it."

Al Williams Tops Scholastic List

High upon the scholastic ladder of M.B.A. for the past term are these hard-working boys with their much-to-be-envied averages. Leading these scholarly pupils is Al Williams, a Junior, who managed to maintain a ninety-six average. Closely following him is John Griscom, Bernard Werthan, and Don Wade, Senior, Junior, and Sophomore, respectively, who averaged 94. Trailing these boys by one point are Walter Noel, Robert Brown, Junior; Kent Carney and Dick Cantrell, Freshmen; and Russell Campbell, a Senior. Last on the list of the ten geniuses is Joe White with his 92 average.

M.B.A. Key Club Receives Charter

The M. B. A. Chapter of the Key Club was recently organized by Mr. Sager for the promotion of brotherhood and welfare around the M. B. A. campus. The Key Club is to M. B. A. as the Civic Club and the Kiwanis Club are to the city of Nashville. To be a member of this most exclusive club, you must be a member of the upper third of your class and then you have to be voted on by a group of boys which Mr. Sager and the faculty have previously chosen. If you fail out of the upper third of your class you are automatically out of the club. Then another member of your class is chosen to your place.

The representatives of the senior class are Billy Calton, Todd Dillon, John Donnelly, Ken Goodpasture, Glen Greene, John Griscom, and Tom McEwen. Calton is the president and Goodpasture is the vice-president. In the junior class the representatives are Bobby Brown, Harry Corson, Bob Ezell, Ed Nelson, Walter Noel, Bill Wade, Bonny Werthan, and Al Williams. In the sophomore class Wilbur Creighton, Buzz Davis, Vernon

On the Bookshelf

During the last six weeks some valuable and interesting additions have been made to the stock of books in our library. Perhaps the most important of these is *The Children's Catalog* purchased for the use of the junior school. This corresponds to the *Standard Catalog for High School Libraries* which is used as a guide in the selection of all library books for the upper classes.

Among the other works which have been added are *So You Were Elected*, a book which brings to the student in his own language a real understanding of the qualities needed for successful student leadership, the duties of a leader, and the carrying out of student social activities in the modern high school; *If You Please*, a presentation which will answer most of your questions on etiquette and which, incidentally, has become very popular with the members of the public speaking classes; *Modern Humor for Effective Speaking*, an explanation of how to make your talks pack dynamite through using humor in your speech; Audubon's *The Birds of America*, a volume obtained with the fines paid by the students.

There have also been several donations to the library. These are: *The Romance of English Literature*, a study of the development of English literature and a dramatic evaluation of England's outstanding literary personalities, were given by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen in memory of Professor Ball; *An Experiment in Rebellion and The Invisible Empire* were presented by Mr. John Fletcher in memory of Mr. Johnson Bradford.

New Faces On The Campus

We have quite a few boys who have come to M.B.A. in the second term. Some have come from out of town, some were transferred from other schools in Nashville, some have returned to the Academy after going to another school, and some are doing post-graduate work.

Among the boys who were transferred from other schools is Beverly Gooch, a grade school pupil, who was transferred from Peabody, and McGee, who came from Woodmont, is another grade schooler.

Sharpe, Andy Spickard, Don Wade, Tom Watts and Joe White. All of these people were either chosen by a selected group or selected by the faculty.

Besides Calton, Goodpasture and Griscom, who is the secretary, Donnelly, Creighton and some members of the junior class will make up the board of directors. Their duties will be to establish the dues and to govern and direct the club in all its actions.

The club has not yet decided whether or not to have representatives out of the freshman class and the other grades. Now they have their capacity of twenty-five members and it is very unlikely that this number will be enlarged.

The presentation of the charter of the M. B. A. Key Club was made on Wednesday night, March 19th, at a banquet at the B. & W. cafeteria.

The entire M. B. A. Key Club was present together with three members from the West High Chapter, the male teachers from M. B. A., and a delegation from the Nashville Kiwanis Club.

Headlining the program was the

New System For Lunchroom

The M.B.A. lunchroom has had a very turbulent history. The gastronomic history of the dining den would be a racing panorama of peas, carrots, liver, and mashed potatoes, and no doubt such a work would, in its culinary manner, dwarf *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

The news today, however, concerns a new system. The "system" is a complicated version of military marching. The "Column lefts" and "Right marches" are all for a single purpose, to get the boys into the lunchroom. This is very unnecessary because the lunchroom door attracts the boys at lunch time like an open drain attracts water in a tub; they merely run through it.

Running has long been practiced by horses, ostriches, water, and finally boys. Horses run because they are horses, ostriches run because they hate fouling, and water runs because it has to. Boys, however (M.B.A. ones in particular), run because they have a good place in line. Any boys who don't want a good place in line is abnormal, toward getting a good meal out of life, for after all, one never knows whether or not the food will run out (A-ha; I'll bet you didn't know food could run) before one gets to the handing out place.

Some great mathematical genius must have devised "the system," since it takes an efficiency expert to understand it. Each class has a different order to follow every day. Each teacher is a general conducting his legions in their turn to the mangers. Congratulations are in order for the inventor. No one has been trampled to death since "the system" began, but there was something both touching and traditional about the old "skull basher method," and after all, everyone got to eat before anyway.

Another boy who was transferred is Bobby Manners, a freshman from Linton.

Two boys who decided they couldn't stay away are Holly Murdock and Tim Nelson. Holly is a transfer from Boy's High and is doing Junior work. Tim comes from West End High and is taking Sophomore work.

presentation of the charter by Mr. Lawrence Mulhall, president of the Nashville Kiwanis Club, who, after explaining the role of Kiwanis in the Key Club's program, presented the M. B. A. Charter to Bill Calton.

Mr. E. B. Stahlman and the Key Club members from West High also addressed the gathering. Mr. Stahlman, who is largely responsible for the institution of Key Clubs in Nashville, spoke on the origin of the Key Clubs in the United States and their rapid expansion in the last few years. The West High members related the club's accomplishments this year and their plans for next year. President Calton of the M. B. A. Club pledged that chapter to its first undertaking in the immediate future.

On March 28-29th a district Key Club convention was held at Frankfort, Kentucky and on April 18-19th, the national convention of Key Clubs will take place at Macon, Georgia. The M. B. A. club was represented at the Frankfort meeting and expects to send delegates to the national meeting at Taconet.

Premiere Promises Surprise Features

The M. B. A. gymnasium on April 12 will be the scene of one of the most gala affairs ever to be witnessed at the school. The entertainment will consist of a talented young band to play for "your dancing and listening, please," with Miss Malinda Wells as featured vocalist. Also there will be a fine program presented by Mr. Rule's quartet, already in rehearsal for some time, and several individual performances by campus "celebrities." All will be packaged and wrapped up by George Cole who will be emceeing the entire affair.

For this night the gymnasium will discard its mundane role and become the glittering, glamorous "Club Maroon." The entire layout is planned as a miniature model of a night club and all decorations, food and floor shows will emphasize this influence. The modern night club theme will be further carried out by small candle-lit tables with appropriate space-lit for dancing. The matter of refreshments will be card for with sandwiches, cold drinks and a thoroughly appealing menu. Surprise additions to the already attractive program may be anticipated.

Originating with Mrs. Allen, the plans for such a pageant were passed on to some far seeing members of the student body in whose hands the idea materialized and became a reality.

A large chart showing the table positions is being prepared and will be submitted to members of the student body within the next few days. All tables will be reserved and will be arranged to seat four. Anyone desiring to reserve tables or make further inquiries are requested to see Ken Goodpasture or Jack Whiteaker, business managers. The price will be one dollar per couple and fifty cents per tag.

All members of the student body are urged to make this a red letter day on their calendar and to be enthusiastically prepared to take a part in this colossal extravaganza on April 12.

Basketball Review

M. B. A. came up this year with another fine basketball team. Fourteen were on the squad this season but four had to drop out because of grades and T. S. S. A. rules. The team did not win many honors but did get the satisfaction of beating second-seeded East in the Eighth District Tournament and advancing to the semi-finals in that tourney. They won during the whole season and tournament 13 games and lost 8; an average of .614. The senior this year scored a total of 832 points and held the opponents to 715. Hardy Lavenor, captain this year, led the scoring with 240 points or about one-fourth of all the points scored. Bobby Worrall came next with 175 points. Bill Wade and Jim Morrissey followed next with 103 and 110 points respectively. The remaining team and number of points is as follows: Jack Sparks, 52; Charlie Hawkins, 49; Jack Whiteaker, 49; Tom McEwen, 15; Holly Murdock, 45; Tim Nelson, 12; Bill Calton, 8; Bill Joe Ehrhart, 4; Jack Whiteaker, 4; and Jim Morrissey, 1. The scoring this year was comparatively high, a average of a little better than 39 points per game. The average shot up in games like 61 to 36 over Peabody; 51 to 15 over Duncan and 51 to 30 over Lipscomb. Looking back over this past season we can really and truly say "A Job Well Done."

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Let's Learn To Laugh

Many incidents that might have become major tragedies have been turned into only passing incidents by a sense of humor. A true sense of humor works both ways—it makes the possessor and those around him happy. It is a badge that can be worn at all times with grace and modesty and is the surest sign of good sportsmanship.

Some of the rarest stories of our time are told of the splendid sense of humor of the British and their courage under fire in the recent war. For instance there was the barber whose shop was practically demolished by a bomb. He resumed business in what remained of his place and hung out this sign: "I've just had a close shave. How about you?" And then there was a paperhanging establishment proprietor who posted a sign over the ruins of his store. It read: "Just professional jealousy."

A sense of humor serves as a strong asset in the class room, on the athletic field, in the home, in business or in any phase of life. One is fortunately born with it but it can be acquired and developed and is within the reach of every one.

Let's learn to laugh and help others to laugh. Far fewer muscles are used in laughing than in frowning and a light heart is infinitely more to be desired than a "sour puss."

There is an old legend about a king who asked that his soldiers bring him the shirt of the happiest man in the kingdom that he might wear it and become happy, too. The soldiers dashed off to perform their mission. After searching from one end of the kingdom to the other, they finally came upon a man roaring with laughter. "In the name of the king," they shouted, "we demand your shirt!" The man laughed harder than ever: "Ho! Ho! But I haven't a shirt!"

If we can lose our shirts and still hang on to our sense of humor we can't be licked!

About Our Roving Reporter

When our newspaper was organized a little more than two short years ago, "The Roving Reporter" was instituted to enable the readers of the *Bell Ringer* to keep abreast with the trend of opinion in the school. In later times, however, this column was discontinued as a member of our regular feature makeup. Now, coinciding with our wish to fulfill our main duty—that of keeping the reader of the *Bell Ringer* informed of every noteworthy event that takes place on our campus or that affects the students of M. B. A. wherever they may be, we institute this column. In our estimation the need for such a column has grown very apparent, and now the staff of the *Bell Ringer* prides itself on reinstating "The Roving Reporter."

To make a success of this column written for you, your reporter will ask you to cooperate in some measure with him when he requests your assistance. You can aid him by suggesting subjects that you feel need discussion for the benefit of the students and/or by giving an unbiased opinion on any subject for which he might request.

I can assure you that your reporter will take great care in selecting the proper students to participate in these polls in addition to providing you with the most significant subject of that time. His initial column of this year appears in this issue.

He shall do his part and he hopes you will do yours. Good luck to "The Roving Reporter."

Class News

FRESHMAN NEWS

In one of Miss Huffman's Math classes, Miss Huffman was trying to get fractions into fractions of fractured heads. She asked Charlie Hawkins this:

"If I cut a beefsteak into two pieces, what will I have?"

"Halves."

"Good, if I cut both of them, what will I have?"

"Quarters."

"If I do it again?"

"Eighths."

"Sixteenths."

"Once more?"

"Hamburgers!" shouted Charlie, impatiently.

Miss Huffman tried again and asked, "John, if you had six apples and I asked for three, how many would you have?"

John Lytton immediately replied, "Six."

While Bill Britain was in history class (Pardon me, Sophomore News, Humfff.) Fess Younger asked him what Caesar's farewell address was made.

Bill Britain replied, "Heaven."

One day in school (where else) Ken Hardcastle didn't have his Latin assignment when Mrs. Sims asked for it. Ken thought and then the following conversation took place:

"Do you think that it is right to punish folks for things they haven't done?"

"Why, of course not, Ken."

Ken then answered, "Well, I didn't do my homework."

In English class, recently, Miss Mac saw something that looked very suspicious. She asked: "Morris Williams, I hope I didn't see you looking at Joe's book."

Morris then gulped and replied: "I hope you didn't too."

SOPHOMORE NEWS

"Social Notes from All Over."

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of "Time" Magazine Joe "I Wish I Could Get the Papers and Go Home" Erwin was nominated as most probable "Man of the Year."

This, of course, was done on the assumption that Todd would get no more demerits this year, which is in itself simply ridiculous.

Nevertheless—Congratulations to Erwin for a job well done.

Fess Younger was well rewarded in being made a night-watchman.

Last week he was awarded the most expensive dress at Allen's, the handbag of his choice, nylon, hat, and shoes—all free by Allen's.

And this is just one man's opinion, but for my money he really cuts a fancy figure in his new duds wherever he goes!

After winning the Freshman-Sophomore basketball tournament, Charles Blackard was interviewed by your reporter. He seemed rather shy and had very little to say about the game except this: "Yes we have a good team, a great team. Of course I'm the best man. We have but—helped me a little to win. I'm good, too, oh so good."

Seeing he did not wish to discuss the game of his team I thanked him and left.

Habitual Losers, take notice: If you are lucky enough to be in one of Cargile's study halls, arrange to be seated near him. Then, when you are sound asleep, compared to Allen you'll be working like a Tartar. In this way you can dream away your whole study period and never be noticed. It's foolproof!

Allen doesn't loaf, he hibernates.

Isn't it strange that whenever you see Jake Wallace he is combing his hair? He says it keeps the dandruff away, but confidentially I think Jake has a new girl.

The same old things are happening around school. David Wiley, for instance, is getting conceited. He thinks he is so good because he is beating Harry Corson's time.

It's golf time for "Hopeless" Howard now. He came to school the other day saying that he shot 41. I wonder what his score on the second hole was? It seems that he is trying to repeat John Ambrose on the golf team.

Spring practice takes its toll every year. This year the Junior Class offers new boys for the team. Among these are Fred Wiggs, Jake

Wallace, John Q. Rodgers, and John Ambrose. Needless to say they will all make first team.

Want to know where to buy a good lunch? Ask Bill Howard, Jake Wallace, John Q. Rodgers, or Fred Wiggs. They'll also tell you how quick they can eat on Fridays.

Everyone is looking forward to the tennis season. Wielding the rackets for the Academy will be Gordon Long, Harry Corson and many others.

Life can be beautiful; and it would be:

If Ravelm Fulton wouldn't use quite so much hair grease.

If "Loadmouth" McFall would cease asking Mrs. Bitzer so many foolish questions.

If Billy Edwards would please stop talking too much about his love-life.

If Al Williams, Bernard Werthan, or Holly Murdock would fail to get a geometry problem. At least this would break the intense monotony.

Without Mrs. Bitzer's English course.

Without this column.

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Class has suddenly discovered the nearness of spring. Seniors make dates three weeks in advance this time of the year. As a matter of fact dates are so scarce lately that Janison Farrar has dated up several girls through July 1, and is doing a profitable business. He sells the dates. He got ten dollars from George Cole for a certain date next Friday night.

For a date in May the price is lower, say fifty cents.

Tommy Goodloe tries to break into the headlines every week. Now he's written a song that expresses just the way he feels about you-know-what.

Billy Carpenter violated a traffic law last Wednesday. It hurt his conscience so frightfully that he went down and gave himself up.

Tom McEwen, debonair playboy of the lounge lizard class, was spotted out at the Motel Sunday night. He had a date.

Billy Knox is starting a course in Windsor-knot tying. The initial cost is two hundred dollars. Other expenses are ties which you must furnish.

Talk about the Junior-Senior (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2.)

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"Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

By Houston Thomas

A fine good morning to you, or is it still raining outside?

If my old eyes didn't go bad I saw George Cole and Murdock over here at school the other night.

When I came up they were seeing "red." They sure weren't studying.

George (one two hundredth of a second) Griffin almost broke his camera the other day. I told him it was not bend around and take of himself.

We have another triangle in our midst! John Griscorn, John Donnelly and Cresson Clayton. May the best man win.

What girl, who lives on Ellendale Avenue and has a big brother who went to school here last year, gave Joe (Highpockets) Kirkpatrick a late date Saturday night, or is it a secret?

Have you ever noticed that gray streak in Thomas Kennedy's hair? Some women have a bad effect on men. His sister did on me.

Have you ever seen any of these pictures Rhodes draws? There is a decided resemblance between them and a certain first period woman around the school.

From one extreme to another. Allen Cargile and Ronald Voss are still both going with Sia Cates. She goes with some one else.

David Smith made the honor role last month. Now he is hopelessly insane and will not be out of the hospital for three years.

Monk Whiteaker is running just a little behind Joe Martin. Due to a short war Joe beat Monk to college but they are both running a little behind "The Wipe" who has to beat them both off her front porch at night.

I hear that the English boys are having a hard time getting enough paper to write their term papers due to the current shortage. I know one kind it ought to be written on and there is no shortage of it either.

So with that last failing remark, I will bid you a fond farewell.

Birds Eye.

Wishing Well

By Glen Greene

According to what I have heard, there seems to be a great number of physical improvements needed around the school. In conducting this poll a few expensive, a few useful, and a few impossible improvements were offered.

Bill Wade, with an eye out for the baseball team, wants to have the baseball field fixed up and more grass growing around the school.

Jack expressed the desire to have lights put along the wall to Harding Road.

Bobby wants a larger seating in the gym, more dances, and a swimming pool. (What, no golf course?)

Fred Wiggs, one of the singers at MBA, wishes a juke box for the lunchroom.

One thing that would be useful is a rifle team. Maybe all the hunters would go for that.

Jack Whiteaker, who did not believe MBA needed anything, said that MBA already had everything.

More holidays are wanted by John Griscorn.

In conclusion Bill Knox wants a course in "How to study."

Rankin—"Sniff, sniff. The world is at the end for me."

Corson—"Why do you say that?"

Rankin—"I just bought one of those life-time fountain pens and it's broken."

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By Bernard Werthan, Jr.

It seems to me that the best way to get the boys out to the games and to improve the school spirit is to start selling season tickets again. When a boy already has his ticket he is more likely to drop the school work for a night to get out to the games. Though the school would sell the tickets at a reduced rate, they would not necessarily lose money on the venture. It would mean that every boy with a student ticket would pay for the game whether he came or not. If it would be possible to have reserved seats next year, the whole school could sit in the same section, the cheering would be facilitated and the yelling much louder. If the cheering means all that any member of either the football team or basketball team says, then the team would play better games and draw bigger crowds than otherwise. Perhaps the cutting out of student tickets is a prime factor in the lessening of school spirit during the last five years.

Another factor in the deficiency of cheering at the games is the lack of eager cheer-leaders. Out of the six boys who were elected cheerleaders at the first of the season, only Inman Fox would get on the floor during the East game. Are the boys self-conscious? Other cheerleaders take every opportunity to get out on the floor and yell for their school. I believe that this is the answer. There are only about three good yells which MBA has. These are so worn out that they carry little meaning. The boys are there hollering when the team is ahead or within two or three points of their opponent. But let them drop back ten points and the rooting section is still as a grave. WHEN THE BOYS NEED THE CHEERING MOST. Perhaps there are many other reasons why the gang won't yell. Think about it for next season.

It is a shame that the intramurals were not started sooner. The boys who participated really had fun and some keen rivalry. For those who can't make the varsity teams, this is a real chance for them to get into real basketball games. You can tell how much the boys appreciate the games by the way they fight. Perhaps next year the intramurals can be started earlier.

Hardy Lavender described his thrilling shot in the East game for me. Some of you boys wish to keep a personal account of the shot? "When we lost the ball out of bounds, we gave up. There were less than ten seconds left, and East controlled the ball. The referee gave the ball to Thrasher to throw in, I think. He made a motion to throw the ball to an East man who was standing about the edge of the foul circle. Then the referee stopped him, and made him move back farther. I was standing on the other side of the center line, and as he moved back I started. He evidently didn't see me for he threw the ball toward the man to whom he had first made a motion. I caught it before the East man got his hand on the ball. I think I took three dribbles. I shot from instinct. I didn't really think what I was doing."

Rumor has it that MBA will drop out of the Mid-South Association. I don't believe that I'll ever forget the expression on Grison's face after Hardy dropped the crap in the last two seconds. It was mixed with so many feelings—joy, surprise, disbelief—his eyes had tears of supreme joy, his complexion was distorted by his violent screams.

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by White, Patterson, T. Watts, Brakebill, Hardcastle, R. Davis and H. Horn.

The seniors are planning the old type of literary society which the other literary societies have gotten away from. They are going to have a debate and a couple of declamations.

SPORTS

THE BELL RINGER

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Waller-Blackard Intramural Winners

Goodpasture-Waller

Waller's team reached its heights to overcome a highly touted Goodpasture team in the Junior-Senior intramural finals. The game was by far the most thrilling of the whole tournament as the teams struggled neck and neck up to the final whistle.

Goodpasture quickly moved ahead as Drumright dropped in a short crisp. After Carpenter swished in a beautiful set shot and Drumright dropped another one-hander from the foul line, it seemed that Goodpasture would walk off with the honors. "Ho" Waller saved the day, however. He scored on a nice pass from Williams at the end of the first quarter. Then a foul shot by Waller and two fast breaks, one by Waller, the other by Walter Noel, gave the Wallers 7-6 advantage at half-time.

Shortly after the last half got underway, Goodpasture evened the count at 7-7. Williams dropped a crisp on a fast break. After Goodpasture dropped another foul shot, Waller moved into his largest lead of the afternoon, three points on a seven foot crisp shot. Bryan and Goodpasture came back with one-handers to move ahead. Waller came back, however, on a crisp to lead 13-12 at the quarter. After Bryan tallied on a followup, Williams scored on a pass from Waller to go into the lead 15-14. It looked as though Goodpasture would not be able to score when Ed Nelson fading off the basket dropped in a beautiful one-hander from ten feet out and to the right of the foul circle. Waller brought the ball down, passed to Dillon on the foul line. Teddy, unable to count this far, feinted off his man to drop a swish. With only around fifteen seconds left Waller's team stole the ball and froze it until the end of the game. Waller starred for the winners, while Goodpasture, Drumright and Bryan sparkled the losers.

Leech-Blackard

This game added a thrilling climax to a thrilling Freshman-Sophomore tourney. The game was in doubt even to the very last seconds, but Charley Blackard's squad finally triumphed over Jack Leech's team 34-32.

Leech quickly moved into a 5-0 lead on three foul shots and a crisp from seven feet out by Walter Hardcastle. It didn't take Blackard long to catch up as he pitched in two foul shots and a set shot from outside the circle followed by a nice one-hander by Dickerson from ten feet off to the side. The quarter ended with the score tied 6-6. Even though Leech dropped in a nice crisp from the red, Blackard moved ahead on shots by Bryan and Dickerson. Teas dropped a free throw, but Blackard's team tallied twice on a set shot by Brakebill and a crisp by Joe White. Seigenthaler dropped the next shot which was matched shortly after by a crisp by Blackard from seven feet out. Then just before the half ended Leech put on a spurt to pull ahead 23-23 at the end of the third quarter. When the scoring became fast and furious, Teas dropped in a crisp to give Leech his biggest lead since the first quarter. Then Blackard moved ahead on a two-handed overhead shot by Dickerson from five feet out and crisp by himself. After Leech dropped in two points, Joe White battled in two follow ups to lead by three points. Teas pulled Leech's team to within one point on a fast break before Dickerson hit a follow-up. Then Hardcastle counted on a foul shot to again pull within striking distance but Dickerson again came through on a crisp shot. With about a minute left, Blackard fouled out to raise the opposing team's hopes, but to no avail, as they were able to tally only once on a long crisp by McCall. The final score was Blackard, 34; Leech, 32.

The Victors



Above: Freshman-Sophomore Champs Below: Junior-Senior Winners.



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M. B. A. Upsets East; Decisions Eagles 33-29

On Thursday, February 20, the M.B.A. Maroons came from behind to defeat the highly rated East High Eagles in a three-minute overtime period 33-29.

In the first quarter the Maroon Five couldn't seem to click with that deadly precision which had made their name feared in local circles. The Eagles, sparked by the center, Bowers, and Nick Bushlen, an ace forward, annexed a quick 8 point lead which was to prove a great handicap to the M. B. A. Five, who were held scoreless the entire first quarter.

The second quarter found the Maroon Quintet in better shape though still not in their best form. Worrall was beginning to hit and Wade was playing an excellent defensive game. However, Lavender, a guard, who can usually be counted on for 10 or 15 points, wasn't able to hit the outside rim of the backboard. Despite this, the second quarter ended with M. B. A. only two points behind; the score: East 15, M. B. A. 13.

At the half, M.B.A. gained control of the ball from the jump and scored. East followed suit one minute later and from here on the game promised to be a close one. And the end of the third quarter found M. B. A. tied with East's Eagles.

In the fourth quarter East played a much harder and faster game than they had before and the Maroons were hard put to stop the Eagles' excellent offense. At the start of the four minute period East was leading M. B. A. 28-25.

The last four minutes of the game started as East took the ball out of bounds. The Maroons playing an excellent defensive game were able to hold the Eagles to one foul shot, sank by Winkler. This gave East a comfortable four point lead with but two minutes left to play. The Maroons were able to drop a basket in before the clock reached the red 60 second section. The outlook was grim for M. B. A.

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DuPont Beats Junior Varsity, 31-22

Thursday night, March 6, in the MBA gym the DuPont "Freshman-Sophomore" basketball team drubbed the "baby" Maroons 31-22. The DuPont men played a slow deliberate game the first quarter and held the Maroons scoreless. Holding an 8-0 lead after two minutes of the second quarter, DuPont appeared to have the game all sewed up.

Jerry Klein, star in the MBA-Clarksville game, came through with two field goals to put the Maroons only four points behind. Mitchell of DuPont added his third field goal of the first half to forge his team ahead 10-4. The half ended immediately after Dickie Miller, reserve MBA guard, tossed in a free throw to make it 10-5 for DuPont.

Shedden, Cook, and Mitchell then began to pour it on and aided by a few charity tosses, sent DuPont ahead 17-8, when the whistle ended the third quarter.

With orders from Coach Hackman "to shoot every time you touch the ball!" Don Wade and Chickie dumped in thirty foot field goals. Then Klein and Blackard added successive goals to put the Maroons in the game.

Gore, DuPont captain, added his lone field goal to start a rally. Mitchell, Shedden, and Cook tossed in buckets respectively and the "Bulldogs" won 31-22. Klein and Mitchell, both of whom received all tournament honors, had eleven points each. Shedden and Cook of Du Pont followed with nine and eight points, respectively.

DuPont went to win the tournament by defeating Springfield 17-16 and then trampling Hillsboro 26-9 for the title. The all-tournament team included: Cook and Mitchell of DuPont; Klein of MBA; Finley of Hillsboro; Blazer of Central; and Clark of Murfreesboro.

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Personality of the Month



Thomas C. McEwen, Jr., better known as "Tommy", has so many essential qualifications for a PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH we hesitate to start on so "large" a subject in this limited space.

Tommy came to M.B.A. in the latter part of his Freshman year and was soon recognized as one of the outstanding members of the student body. A son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McEwen, his two-year absence from Nashville was spent in Jacksonville, Fla.

McEwen is one of the leading athletes of the school, pulling down a neat 178 pounds when he steps on the scales. As a Cootie, he was on both the football and basketball teams. He was first string tackle on the powerful '46 football team and played center on the '47 basketball squad. He was also a member of the '46 tennis team.

Tommy's claim to fame lies not only in the field of athletics for he has an enviable scholastic record as an Honor Roll student. He is the top-ranking math student in the entire school and was winner of the Math medal in '45-'46. He was a member of the Junior Honor Society and at present is a member of the Monogram Club and the recently-organized Key Club. He served as a member of the school committee in the years of '44-'45 and '45-'46 and is now assistant editor of THE BELL RINGER. He has recently received official notification that he has been chosen as one of the few N.R.O.T.C. trainees for the coming year.

Dependability is one of McEwen's chief characteristics. He can always be counted on when the going is rough. He has a rare sense of wit and a strong following of loyal friends.

His favorite food is steak—wouldn't you know it?; his favorite sport is football—aren't you surprised?; his hardest subject is English—whose isn't?; and his favorite subject is math—well, he won the medal, didn't he?

Intelligent, strong, dependable and true—that's TOMMY McEWEEN. Good luck, old boy.

Smile Awhile

Last week Coach was overheard to say to the boys out for spring practice: "And remember that football develops individuality, initiative, and leadership. Now, get in there and do exactly as I tell you."

A kiss has been defined as, "A course of procedure, cunningly devised, for the mutual stoppage of speech at a moment when words are superfluous."

He played halfback on the team and way back on his studies.

Waller and Griscom were playing their first round of golf together. Waller of course expected to run Griscom into the ground. They finally decided to set stakes at fifty cents a hole. Waller would give Griscom a stroke a hole. Calmly and confidently the "Bo" stepped up the hall and lashed his ball far down the fairway. Griscom then took what looked to the "Bo" like a pretty poor backswing. Waller was contemplating money in his pocket.

Strangely enough, Griscom hit the ball, which not only reached the green but also trickled into the cup. The "Bo" completely befuddled, moved on to the next tee, and watched Griscom go through his contortions again. "Just luck," he muttered to himself. But Griscom again hit the ball, and, wonder of wonders, it rimmed the cup and finally settled in. Waller couldn't understand the worried look on Griscom's face, and asked what was the matter. Griscom innocently answered, "O, Bo, I thought I had missed it that time."

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picnic has luzzed about considerably. The Seniors' only plus is that a certain local newspaper will not, in its society columns, refer to the MBA picnic by using the only adjectives at its disposal. You guessed it, "Marvy picnic thrown for MBA Seniors in lush Percy Warner Park."

Excitement concerning the coming M.B.A. dance, April 12, has enveloped a couple of seniors—Rhodes and Drumright. Bill and Joe are fighting for the privilege of escorting Adabelle McGhee to the party.

John Donnelly played on a losing basketball team last Saturday. He and Devil-driver McEwen were spotted on their way to the game Saturday morning. Both were grinning like idiots. Well?

ALUMNI NEWS

By Richard Fletcher

Hamilton Frost, '38, M.B.A. tennis star and now one of Nashville's best performers in that field, was recently discharged from the Armed Services and is working for the General Shoe Corporation. Hamilton was a first lieutenant in the Army Air Forces for four years and was stationed in Italy with the Fifteenth Air Forces for fourteen months. He was married not long ago and is living in the Wellington Arms Apartments.

Howard Frost, '38, is working for the Southern Bell Telephone Co. After graduating from M.B.A. he was employed two and one half years at the Third National Bank and then entered the U. S. Navy, in which he served four years as a first class radioman.

Greer Frierson, '44, received his discharge from the Navy about nine months ago and is now at Vanderbilt University. Greer was stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. and at Memphis, Tenn.

Duck Henry, '43, went into the U. S. Army soon after his graduation, was stationed in Philadelphia for a while, became a first lieutenant, and was shipped to Luzon Island, in the Philippines, where he stayed for one year. Duck has been out of the Army since September, 1946 and is at Vanderbilt.

Nelson Bryan, '43, has been out of the Navy for seven months. He was a pharmacist's mate, was stationed in Hawaii, and has been at Vanderbilt since September. Nelson has developed a hobby of writing hillbilly songs and is supposed to have turned out some pretty good numbers.

Jay Ball, who was a member of the '38 football team, captain of the basketball team of that year, and graduate of M.B.A. in 1939, entered Vanderbilt and graduated from there in '42. From there he went into the Army Air Corps in which he was a first lieutenant and test pilot. Since leaving the

Junior Varsity Swamps Clarksville

As last year the Junior Varsity tournament was held at the MBA gymnasium. This year brought out a more evenly matched field, which produced some really exciting games. In the first round MBA met a small inexperienced Clarksville quintet and drubbed them soundly. score was 45-15.

MBA (45) Clarksville (15)
Klein (16) — F — Bradley (0)
Leech (6) — F — Goostree (6)
Blackard (8) — C — Metcalfe (2)
Chickey (4) — G — Parker (2)
Wade (3) — G — Perry (2)
Subs: MBA—Fox, Miller (2), Oman (2), Gates (2), McFall (2), Clarksville—Beasley (3), Wilson, Corder.

Air Force he has been working at General Shoe Corporation.

Elmer Davies, after graduating from M.B.A. in 1943, went into the U. S. Marines. He rose to second lieutenant and was stationed and trained at The University of the South, University of Oklahoma, Paris Island, and Juanico. Since his discharge in December, Elmer has been at Vanderbilt.

Madison Jones, who was center on the M.B.A. football team of 1941, entered Vanderbilt after his graduation. He entered the Army about four months ago and is now stationed in Korea.

Ben Robinson, '44, received his discharge from the Navy around last June and is going to Vanderbilt. Ben was stationed in San Diego and was aboard the Battleship Alabama for quite a while.

SPRING PRACTICE

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Tommy Seigenthaler, Jack Leech, Jack Fore, Joe White, Leslie Van Trease, Thomas Kennedy, John Roberts, Al Williams, Bill Bailey, Bobby Brown, David Adams, Bobby Van Arsdale, Henry Pitts, George Carpenter, Bill Blackie, Ernest Franklin, Fred Wiggs, Bobby Davis, John Haselton, Ward Lovell, Ed Davies, Tommy Goodloe, Jimmy Napier, Morris Williams, Bobby Bainbridge, John Alden Rogers, Billy Howard, Vernon Sharpe, Moore Milam, Jack Burch Bob Exell, Graham John Ambrose and Don Wade.

Those fighting for end and back-field spots are:

Holly Murdock, George Engle, Bill Wade, Charley Hawkins, Bobby Chickey, Bob Bomar, Bill McMurray, Billy Price, Bobby Worrall, Tim Nelson, Ed Nelson, Dickie Miller, Billy Joe Ehrhart, Jerry Klein, Charley Blackard, Wilbur Creighton, Bob McFall, Jake Wallace, John Engle and Allen Cargille.

M.B.A. DEFEATS EAST

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the Eagles were freezing the ball and there was but little time left to play. Then Lavender intercepted a pass and ran down the floor at top speed. Lavender, true to form at last, sank two points, which saved the M. B. A. Five from defeat. The score now stood 29-29.

The overtime period started with the crowd as tense as the players, and when Bushlin scored a foul shot East High's cheering section almost tore the bleachers down. Then Wade scored on a follow up, giving M. B. A. a one point lead. One minute later, Morrissey sank a basket, clinching the game.

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